

# AFCM Thomas S. Crow, USN

**Fourth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy**

**September 28, 1979 to October 1, 1982**



Master Chief Thomas S. Crow was born on March 16, 1934, in McArthur, Ohio, and graduated from McArthur High School in 1952.

After completion of recruit training, Master Chief Crow attended AN "P" School and AM "A" School at NATTC, Memphis, Tennessee. His first tour was an Airfram Structural Mechanic, Transport Air Crew member, VR-21, Barbers Point, Hawaii. He became a Search and Rescue Helo Crew member, NAS Chincoteague, Virginia. In 1958, he attended AM "B" School at NATTC, Memphis, Tennessee, and was advanced to AMH2.

Master Chief Crow served as Aircrew A3D, VAH 9, Sanford, Florida, and deployed aboard USS SARATOGA. This tour was followed with a tour as an instructor at AM "B" school, Memphis, Tennessee.

He reported to VF-121, NAS Miramar, California, in September, 1966. During this tour, he deployed aboard USS CORAL SEA, and served in country in DaNang and Chu Lai, Vietnam.

In August, 1969, Master Chief Crow reported to Naval Air Station North Island, California. During this tour he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. His tour included a four month TAD to VRC-50 in support of CIA, COD, aircraft maintenance. After his return to North Island, he was advanced to Senior Chief and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for performance as Maintenance CPO.

Master Chief Crow received training at DoD Race Relations Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. With this training, he reported as Race Relations Education Specialist at Commander Naval Air Force Pacific Det ONE. In April 1974, he served as Program Manager, implementing Phase II of Equal Opportunity/Race Relations Program. He earned his associates of applied science degree in business administration from National University, San Diego.

Master Chief Crow attended Navy Drug/Alcohol Counselor School, NAS Miramar and served in the Human Resource Management Office in February 1977. In December 1977 he was selected to serve as Master Chief of the Force, Senior Enlisted Advisor to Commander Naval Air Force Pacific. During this tour he earned his bachelor of business administration at National University, San Diego, California.

In June 1979, Master Chief Crow was selected by the Chief of Naval Operations to serve as the fourth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. He was sworn into the position on September 28, 1979.

Master Chief Crow retired from active duty on 1 November 1982. He remains an active advocate of the Navy as a Co-chairman of the Secretary of the Navy Retired Affairs from 1983-86, honorary board chairman, U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, Navy League of the United States, Fleet Reserve Association, a member on the board of advisors to San Diego Armed Services YMCA, and president of the United Armed Forces Association.

Master Chief Crow and his wife Carol reside in San Diego, California.